

REMARKS

The Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-15 and 39-47.

The Applicant also acknowledges the indication that claims 19, 21-24, 26-27, 31-33, and 35-38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response to this indication, the Applicant has amended claims 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, and 35 to be in independent form. The Applicant submits that these claims and their dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

The Applicant has added new claims 48-54 and respectfully requests that they be examined. New independent claim 48 is similar to allowed independent claim 1 except that the recitation of the electronic device has been changed. The Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art reference has failed to disclose, teach, or suggest the limitations of claims 48-54.

As a result of the amendments discussed above, only claims 16, 17, 18, 20, 25, 28, 29, 30, and 34 remain pending and rejected. Claims 16 and 28 are independent claims with the remaining claims depending from one of these two independent claims. Independent claim 16 is drawn to a tire for a vehicle with a substrate attached to the tire. An electronic monitoring device is removably and reattachably mounted to the substrate. Independent claim 28 is drawn to a device for monitoring a condition of a pneumatic tire with the device having a first sensor, a mount adapted to mount the sensor to the tire, and attaching means for removably attaching the sensor to the mount. The Examiner rejected each of these claims as being anticipated by McAlister. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

McAlister discloses a pneumatic tire with a sensor (18) built into the sidewall of the pneumatic tire. The substrate or mount (28) is a rubber bonding material that permanently attaches the sensor (18) to the sidewall of the tire. McAlister fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed "removable" and "reattachable" connection.

Fig. 2 of the McAlister reference specifically shows cooperating flanges between the sensor and the rubber bonding material that hold the sensor to the tire sidewall. McAlister fails to disclose, teach, or suggest how one of ordinary skill in the art would remove the sensor from the rubber bonding material and then reattach it without damaging the rubber bonding material to a degree where the rubber bonding material would have to be replaced. The Applicant thus submits that the McAlister reference fails to disclose the removable and reattachable connection recited in independent claims 16 and 28. The Applicant thus respectfully requests reconsideration of these claims.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal notice of allowability for the claims. If any issues remain after this amendment, please call Fred H. Zollinger, III at (330) 244-1174.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 29th day of October, 2003.

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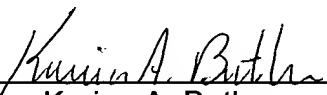
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